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\$24 Million Southwest Valley Flood Reduction Project Agreement to be signed

*Project Cooperation Agreement between the U.S. Army Corps of
Engineers, Bernalillo County, and AMAFCA*

*Signing for the Corps of Engineers, the Honorable John Paul Woodley, Jr.,
The Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works*

Tuesday, June 17
4:00 p.m.
Bernalillo County Public Works Division office
2400 Broadway SE
Albuquerque, N.M. 87102

Background

The Corps of Engineers, AMAFCA, and Bernalillo County began the federal project to reduce flooding in Albuquerque's south valley in 1999. In 2004, a feasibility study was completed to address the basic network for storm drainage, existing facilities for storing and discharging water, and establish the vision for a

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future local drainage plan. The \$24 million project is part of a number of projects exceeding \$150 million, to bring improvements to the southwest valley area and the Rio Grand Bosque. The County and AMAFCA will be assisting the Corps of Engineers with final design and construction management of the project. The County and AMAFCA will be contributing 35% and the Corps of Engineers will be contributing 65% of the total project cost.

The Local Drainage Plan

A local drainage master plan is in place for additional storm drains and infrastructure needed to remove the remainder of flood plain from the south valley. The County and AMAFCA will be constructing future storm drainage systems to tie into the Federal project when future funding is available.

About the Albuquerque District

For 73 years the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Albuquerque District has proudly served the public and called the New Mexico area home. The District employs approximately 350 personnel, and has a boundary of over 250,000 square miles.